

## BOOK NOTICE

ANDREWS, JEAN. 1995. **PEPPERS. The Domesticated Capsicums New Edition.** (ISBN 0-292-70467-4, hbk.) University of Texas Press, P.O. Box 7819, Austin, Texas 78713-7819, (512) 471-4032, \$65, 274 pp, 34 full page color plates, 24 color photos, 20 b&w illustrations, 3 maps, 11 tables.

Originally published in 1984, *PEPPERS* has become a chili icon—the classic and complete source for the history, biology, taxonomy, cultivation, medicinal and culinary uses of the domesticated *Capsicum*. This new addition has updates in each section.

Artist and author, Andrews takes unique and creative license of style by leaving the foliage nearly devoid of color in each illustration which places more emphasis on the actual peppers. This makes the 34 full color plates not just botanical illustrations, but selective windows to the individuality of each *Capsicum*. Flaws on stem and fruit, the odd chewed leaf here and there brings the illustrations a naturalness juxtaposed to the unreal aspect of colorless leaves. You can almost feel the skin of the jalapeño with the characteristic cracking of its flesh as it ages on the stems.

Dr. Andrews received her Ph.D. in art from the University of North Texas and it has stead her well in this, once again, even more, researched new addition. So beautifully illustrated, it's worth looking at again and again.—*Linny Heagy*.